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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MANAGERS

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION

FOR THE

INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

PRESENTED TO THE CORPORATORS

At their Annual Meeting, March 6th, 1848.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORPORATORS

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 6, 1848.

AT the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Corporators of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, held at the Institution on Monday, March 6, 1848, at 4 P. M,—

BENJAMIN W. RICHARDS, was called to the Chair ; and

THEODORE CUYLER, appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Annual Report of the Managers was then presented by Mr. Richards, and on motion accepted, and referred to the next Board of Managers to be printed.

The following Resolution was offered by the Hon. Judge King. *Resolved*, That a committee of three persons be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering and amending the third article of the Constitution of this Institution, as to the terms and manner in which persons may hereafter be admitted members thereof. And that the said committee report to a general meeting of the contributors, and this resolution being considered was adopted. Hon. Edward King, Dr. Caspar Morris, and Hon. S. Breck were appointed committee under this resolution.

On motion of Hon. Jno. K. Kane the contributors proceeded to the annual election of officers of the Institution. Albert G. Waterman and Isaac Edelman, Esqs. acting as tellers.

The tellers reported the names of the following gentlemen, who were thereupon declared to be duly elected officers of the Institution, to serve during the ensuing year.

President.

BENJAMIN W. RICHARDS.

*Vice-Presidents.*R. M. PATTERSON,
SAMUEL BRECK,JOHN U. FRALEY,
JOHN K. KANE.*Corresponding Secretary.*

J. FRANCIS FISHER.

Recording Secretary.

THEODORE CUYLER.

Treasurer.

GEORGE W. EDELMAN.

Consulting Physician.

CHARLES D. MEIGS, M.D.

*Managers.*A. G. WATERMAN,
FRANKLIN PEALE,
EDWARD KING,
FREDERICK FRALEY,
THOMAS S. KIRKBRIDE,
JACOB G. MORRIS,
JOHN C. CRESSON,ROBLEY DUNGLISON,
WM. H. DILLINGHAM,
ALFRED L. ELWYN,
CASPAR MORRIS, M.D.
A. V. PARSONS,
EVANS ROGERS,
WM. PEPPER, M.D.

On motion, adjourned.

B. W. RICHARDS, *Chairman.*

Attest,

THEODORE CUYLER, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR.

Appointed by the Board of Managers.

FINANCE.

Samuel Breck, John K. Kane,
Frederick Fraley.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE.

Franklin Peale, John U. Fraley,
A. V. Parsons.

INSTRUCTION.

Robert M. Patterson, Robley Dunglison,
J. Francis Fisher, John C. Cresson,
Alfred L. Elwyn.

HOUSEHOLD.

Albert G. Waterman, Jacob G. Morris,
Thomas S. Kirkbride, William Dillingham,
Edward King.

FEMALE VISITERS.

Mrs. B. W. Richards, Mrs. J. K. Kane,
Mrs. C. D. Meigs, Mrs. A. G. Waterman,
Mrs. R. M. Patterson, Mrs. S. Breck.

OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Principal.

JOSEPH R. FRY.

Assistant Teachers.

THOS. S. MARTIN, MISS ANNA MARIA SARGENT.

Assisting.

HANNAH GILLEM (Blind,) MATILDA HANKINS (Blind.)

Teacher of Music.

FREDERICK RASCHE.

Assisting.

SARAH ANN DANDY (Blind.).

Master of Handicraft.

C. H. MEYER.

Mistress of Handicraft.

MRS. LEAH ANN SHARPLESS.

Assisting.

RACHEL LEARD (Blind).

Matron.

MRS. ELIZA WHITE

Printer and Storekeeper.

MICHAEL SNIDER.

Visiting Physicians.

A. E. STOCKER,

WM. B. PAGE.

FIFTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT.

PENNA. INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND. }
Philadelphia, Feb. 1848. }

IN presenting the usual annual report to the contributors and the public, the managers have but little to add to the information given in former reports. The past year has been marked by no event impairing the prosperity of the Institution, or retarding its progress in usefulness. Under the care of the usual officers and assistants, the health of the pupils has been carefully attended to, their moral and religious duties faithfully and wisely regarded, and their appropriate daily occupations and pursuits maintained, and all have been supervised with intelligent and paternal care and solicitude by the late principal the Rev. John A. Vaughan, whose exemplary and successful management of the Institution for the past three years, rendered his resignation a source of regret both to the managers and pupils. The resignation of Dr. Vaughan having been accepted with reluctance, the Board recorded their sense of his merits by the following resolutions.

RESOLVED, That the Board entertain the highest respect for the character and services of Dr. Vaughan, and have received the greatest satisfaction from his entire course, while the important interests of the Institution were committed to his charge.

RESOLVED, That he be respectfully requested to continue his services as Principal until a successor can be elected by the Board, and until a reasonable time be allowed such successor to assume the discharge of his duties.

On the 15th of November they appointed Mr. Joseph R. Fry of this city, his successor, who has zealously entered on the duties of his

office. During the past year a legacy of \$1000 has been received from the estate of the late Joseph Price, an early friend of this Institution.

Should the institution thus continue to be remembered by its friends the board may soon be enabled to accomplish an object which their experience proves highly desirable, namely, the erection and maintenance of an establishment for the daily employment in handicraft work of the adult blind, who must necessarily be separated from this institution, and some of whom remain in its vicinity often without proper opportunity and encouragement for that kind of labour which is best adapted to their present state of deprivation.

The annexed statement of the Principal presents a Register of the pupils, a reference to their course of instruction in its various departments, and some details of the results of the handicraft work, and generally such information as may be desired.

The annual accounts of receipts and disbursements of the treasurer, a statement of the property, assets and income of the Institution, with a distinct account of the Birch Legacy, examined and certified to by the proper committees will be found annexed.

It is now fifteen years since this institution first assembled its six or seven pupils under Julius R. Friedlander, a name that should be consecrated in the hearts of the blind, and of the friends of the blind throughout the land.

At that period none of the numerous blind in this commonwealth, or in the adjoining states, had enjoyed the benefit of any systematic instruction.

An institution was then being organized in New York, and one had already been liberally endowed in Boston. But the condition of blindness, especially among the poor, in our own and the western states at that period, was considered one of almost hopeless destitution. Since that period 164 pupils of various ages have been under instruction here, 82 are now in the Institution, and the average number for the past four years has been 75.

There have been 16 admitted during the past year. Of those who have from time to time left the Institution, it is satisfactory to know that all have carried with them the means of self-reliance and usefulness, and it is especially gratifying to be assured that not a few have proved themselves efficient and competent in important situations. Institutions for the instruction of the blind have since been formed or commenced in the states of Ohio, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana.

The names of Wm. H. Churchman, Wm. Graham, Joseph Ramsey,

Jewett H. Gray, Samuel McGiffin, and Sarah Marsh, former pupils of this school, will be found creditably connected with the formation of the new institutes, and we cannot withhold the following extract from the last report of the trustees of the Indiana Institute, not doubting that similar testimonials are on record in other institutions.

“In organizing the Institute,” say the trustees in their interesting report, “we appointed Mr. Wm. H. Churchman teacher with the powers of principal for one year from such commencement, at a salary of eight hundred dollars a year, together with boarding in the institute for himself and family.

“With the faithful and judicious discharge of his undertaking in the agency of the board, and the favourable commencement of the operations of the institute in all its departments under his direction, we are highly gratified.

“His well cultivated mind and correct deportment give encouraging evidence of what may be done for the blind, as well as for their capacity of instructing others, and these are much increased by the manifest talents and tact of such of the assistants as we have appointed for instruction in music and handicraft, as are also deprived of sight. These assistants are Mr. L. L. Newell, Instructor of Music, at a salary of three hundred dollars, from the Ohio Institute. Samuel McGiffin, Assistant Mechanic, at a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars for the first year, and two hundred dollars thereafter, and Sarah Marsh, Assistant teacher of Handicraft, at a salary of fifty dollars, both from the Pennsylvania Institution.”

The Pennsylvania school had its origin in the philanthropy of a number of our fellow-citizens, some of whom are still amongst us, and was promptly and liberally patronized by the constituted authorities of our cherished commonwealth.

Its success and extended influence are referred to in no spirit of vanity, but rather as a grateful tribute to the memory of its deceased, and to the feelings of its living benefactors, as well as an enduring testimony to the truth that a wise and practical purpose of philanthropy, executed in the spirit of fidelity, is a perennial fountain which pours out its waters to benefit not only those around it, but carries its streams far off in the distance, blessed of God, and welcome and healing to man.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Managers,

B. W. RICHARDS, *President.*

DR. *Geo. W. Edelman, Treasurer of "The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind."*

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1847.		1847.	
January 4.	To Cash in Bank of North America this day, -	\$ 4,935 06	By Cash paid sundry orders drawn by the Board of
Decem. 31.	Do. derived from the following sources:—		Managers, and chargeable as follows:—
	from Annual Contributors, -	105 35	For the use of the Committee of Instruc-
	from W. H. Dillingham, Esq. to con-		tion, - - - - - \$8,729 95
	stitute him a Life Member, -	30 00	For the use of the Household Committee, 10,449 77
	from a friend, by the hands of Rev.		
	John Magoffin, for the religious edu-	20 00	By Cash paid discount on \$8,000, received in "relief
	cation of the Blind, - - - - -		notes" from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
	from sales of merchandise \$2,715 57,		and converted into bankable funds, - - -
	from two pupils for clothing \$55 80,	2,771 37	By Cash loaned on mortgage, being moneys derived
	from sales of old barrels, - - - -	4 80	as follows:—
	from rent of two houses on Schuylkill		from the Bireh Legacy Fund, - \$ 500 00
	Third street, - - - - -	220 00	from the legacy of Joseph Price
	from one year's interest on Paul		(deceased,) - - - - - 1,000 00
	Beek, Jr.'s legacy, - - - - -	5 50	
	from sundry pay pupils for board and		
	tuition, - - - - -	477 50	
"	Do. received for board and tuition of the pupils		
"	of the Institution supported by the fol-		
	lowing States:		
	The State of Pennsylvania,		
	to Oct. 1, 1847, on acct. \$9,000 00		
	The State of New Jersey,		
	to Oct. 1, 1847, in full, 1,000 00		
	The State of Maryland, to		
	Oct. 1, 1847, in full, 600 00		
	The State of Delaware, to		
	April, 27, 1847, in full, 164 80		
		10,764 80	
			91 88
			1,500 00

"	Do.	received from the executors of Joseph Price (deceased) being the amount of his legacy to the Institution, - - -	1,000 00	"	By Cash paid for a seal press, - - -	23 00
"	Do.	received from sundry dividends and interest on investments of the Birch Legacy Fund:—		"	By Cash paid Jas. Maguire, conveyancer, for conveyancing and other expenses in the matter of the German Street property, - - -	75 00
		on stocks and loans, \$2,982 42		"	By Cash paid Treasurer's salary, for one year to 1st July, 1847, - - -	250 00
		Ground rent and mortgages (\$46,834, at 6 per cent.) 2,810 04	5,792 46	1848.		
				Jan. 1.	By Balance in the Bank of North America this day, to the credit of the Institution, - - -	5,507 24
"	Do.	received in payment of a bond and mortgage belonging to the Birch Legacy Fund, - - -	500 00		<i>Note.</i> —\$781 89 of this balance belong to the Birch Legacy Fund, and the remainder 4,725 35 belong to the General Income Fund.	
			<u>\$26,626 84</u>			<u>\$26,626 84</u>

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Treasurer's Office, January 1st, 1848.

GEO. W. EDELMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Committee of Finance have examined the foregoing account, and compared the same with the vouchers produced in support thereof, and find the same correct: balance in the Bank of North America, five thousand five hundred and seven dollars and twenty-four cents, \$5,507 24, January 1st, 1848.

Examined and found correct, Feb. 7, 1848.

SAMUEL BRECK, *Chairman Committee of Finance.*

B. W. RICHARDS,
EVANS ROGERS,
A. V. PARSONS,

} *Committee of Audit and Inspection.*

RECEIPTS FROM THE BIRCH LEGACY,

FOR THE YEAR 1847.

Twelve months' dividend on the following companies' stock, viz. :	
Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Company, \$ 9 50	
Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Com- pany,	128 00
Chesnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike Com- pany,	147 00
Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Company, 189 00	
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	\$473 50
Sundry dividends from the Centre Turnpike Company's stock,	21 50
Twelve months' dividend on American Fire Insurance Com- pany's stock,	1,386 00
Twelve months' interest on Union Mutual Insurance Com- pany's stock and scrip,	40 80
Twelve months' interest on Union Canal Company's con- solidated certificates of interest from July, 1840, to July, 1841,	227 46
Two years' interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Com- pany's mortgage loan,	408 16
On account of interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Com- pany's common loan,	400 00
Twelve months' interest on Franklin Institute loan,	25 00
Twelve months' ground rent,	112 50
Twelve months' interest on sundry bonds and mortgages at 6 per cent.,	2,697 54
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	\$5,792 46
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GEO. W. EDELMAN,

Treasurer.

January 1st, 1848.

The Committee of Audit and Inspection respectfully report, that they have examined the evidences of property belonging to "The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind," now in the custody of the Committee on Finance, and they find the same to be as follows, to wit:

1. *Deeds and other Muniments of Title to the Real Estate occupied by the Institution, at the N. W. corner of Sassafras and Schuylkill Third Streets.*

Knowles Taylor and wife to the Institution.

* Isaac S. Lloyd and wife to the Institution.

Policies of Insurance issued by the Philadelphia Contributionship Insurance Company—

On the main building for	\$12,000
On the workshop for	1,000

Policy of Insurance for \$9,000 by the Pennsylvania Insurance Company on Furniture and other moveable property in the building and workshops of the Institution.

2. BONDS.

1. Bond for \$1500, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$800.

2. Bond for \$2500, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$1500.

3. Bond for \$750, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$800.

4. Bond for \$1500, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$500.

5. Bond for \$6000, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$4000.

6. Bond for \$10,000, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$4000.

7. Bond for \$11,809.46, secured by mortgages and by Policy of Insurance for \$5000.

8. Bond for \$2400, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$1000.

9. Bond for \$5500, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$4000.

* Mem. This deed is in the hands of Mr. A. G. Waterman.

10. Bond for \$4500, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$2000.

3. GROUND RENT.

1. Ground Rent for \$112.50 per annum, secured by Policy of Insurance for \$800 on the property thereon erected.

4. STOCKS.

1. Certificate No. 631, for 19 shares Union Mutual Insurance Company's Stock.

2. Certificate No. 361, for 231 shares American Fire Insurance Company's Stock.

3. Certificate No. 214, for 24 shares Chesnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike Road Company's Stock.

4. Certificate for 16 shares Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Company's Stock.

5. Certificate No. 609, for 2 shares Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Company's Stock.

6. Certificate No. 1494, for 5 shares Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company's Stock.

7. Certificate No. 126, for 224 shares, (\$200 each,) Union Canal Company's Stock, and fractional certificate No. 126 for \$32.10, being the consolidated Stock and Loans held by the Institution in that Company.

8. Certificates Nos. 851 and 858, for 2 shares Centre Turnpike Company's Stock.

9. Certificates, (54 in number,) for 54 shares Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Company's Stock.

10. Certificate No. 47, for \$100 St. Paul's Church Stock.

Sundry Certificates of Stock in several bankrupt Insurance Companies and obsolete associations, which the Committee believe to be worthless.

5. LOANS.

1. John Robinson and E. W. Whelan for \$150, late pupils of the Institution.

2. Ten certificates of \$50 each, 5 per cent. loan of the Franklin Institute.

3. Lehigh mortgage loan, certificate No. 438, for \$3401.11, at 6 per cent.

4. Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's loan, certificate for \$24,031.69, at 6 per cent.

6. SCRIP.

1. Certificate No. 89, for \$50, Union Mutual Insurance Company.
2. Certificate No. 89, for \$60, Union Mutual Insurance Company.
3. Certificate No. 81, for \$40, Union Mutual Insurance Company.
4. Certificate No. 88, for \$140, Union Mutual Insurance Company.

7. EVIDENCES OF TITLE TO OTHER REAL ESTATE OF THE INSTITUTION.

1. Deed—John K. Kane and others to the Institution for lot S. E. corner Schuylkill Second and Summer Streets.

2. Deeds—School & Faurest, to the Institution, for real estate S. W. corner Schuylkill Third and Summer Streets.

The Committee also report, that they have carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending January 1st, 1848, and have compared the same with the vouchers, and they find the same to be correct, both in the charge and in the discharge thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. RICHARDS,

A. V. PARSONS,

EVANS ROGERS,

Committee of Audit and Inspection.

Assets of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, and an Estimate of the Value thereof, Feb. 21st, 1848.

BONDS AND MORTGAGES.

Various bonds and mortgages amounting to	.	.	\$46,459 46
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GROUND RENT.

\$112.50 per annum,	1,875 00
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STOCKS AND LOANS.

54 shares Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Company, at \$15,	.	.	.	\$ 810 00
231 shares American Fire Insurance Company, at \$60,	.	.	.	13,860 00
5 shares Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, at \$62.50,	.	.	.	312 50
21 shares Chesnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike Company, at \$60,	.	.	.	1,260 00
16 shares Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Company,	.	.	.	1,600 00
2 shares Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Company, at \$25,	.	.	.	50 00
19 shares Union Insurance Company, at \$30,				570 00
\$290 Union Insurance Company Scrip, at 50 per cent.,	.	.	.	145 00
224 shares Union Canal Company, at \$33,				7,392 00
\$500 Franklin Institute loan, at 70 per cent.,				350 00
\$3,401.11 Lehigh mortgage loan, at 82 cents,				2,788 91
\$24,031.69 Lehigh common loan, at 57½ cents,				13,818 22
\$2,433.84 interest on said loan, due according to the books of the Lehigh Company, at 58 cents,	.	.	.	1,411 63
\$100 St. Paul's Church 5½ per cent stock,	.			100 00
				<hr/> 44,468 26
Amount carried forward,				<hr/> \$92,802 72

Amount brought forward, \$92,802 72

REAL ESTATE.

Buildings and lots occupied by the Institution,
and two dwellings on the lots of ground on
Sassafras Street, Schuylkill Third Street,
Summer Street, and Schuylkill Second
Street, \$76,000 00

Household Furniture, Stock of Goods, and
Materials in House and Workshop, . 9,000 00

Amount paid Miss Jane Dumoutet's
Trustee, . . . \$2,980 51

Amount paid on settlement with
Executors of Henry Pratt, (de-
ceased,) . . . 1,617 37

\$4,597 88

For which the Institution receive property
valued at 2,500 00

Cash in Bank, January 1st, 1848, . . . 5,507 24

93,007 24

\$185,809 96

General Fund, \$85,826 04

Birch Estate, 99,983 92

\$185,809 96

SAMUEL BRECK,

Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRINCIPAL OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION
OF THE BLIND, TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.—FEBRUARY 24, 1848.

THE maturity of this Institution in all its departments, which have been conducted with little variation, for several years past, in the mode now in operation, affords me, after a very brief official connection with it, little scope for any remarks in the nature of a review. Regarding the Institution as it is, there is just cause of gratulation that the wishes of its founders and supporters are successfully maintained.

The number of pupils, now eighty-two, (a list of whom is given in an appendix,) is greater than at any former period. During the past year, sixteen have been admitted and seven have left the Institution, the net increase being nine. Applications for the admission of three others are now on file.

In general the health of the pupils is remarkably good. There is at present no case even of slight indisposition among the whole number.

It is with great satisfaction that I mention the general good conduct of the pupils. If there are occasional breaches of order, they may be attributed to want of proper accommodations for the younger children during their hours of recreation. The grounds, during many days in winter, being unfit for exercise, it is very desirable that there should be some spacious shelter suitable for the purpose.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.—The following classes are now organized, and the branches mentioned are taught in them.

Rhetoric, one class.	Moral Philosophy, one class.
Geometry, one class.	Natural Philosophy, one class.
Algebra, three classes.	Natural Theology, one class.
Arithmetic, six classes.	History, four classes.
Geography (questions and maps),	Grammar, five classes,
five classes.	Scripture Narrative, one class.

And several minor classes in spelling, reading and writing. Besides these, there is miscellaneous reading several hours each day.

A record of the recitations and standing of the pupils in their respective classes is carefully kept, the annual average of which has been

presented to your Committee of Instruction. It is a gratifying evidence of the general capacity and attentive habits of the pupils.

The two pupils attending the University continue to maintain an honorable place in their class. A verbal report from one of their Professors represents them as advancing equally in their various studies with their fellow collegians.

The Institution may be deemed fortunate at present, in the character and ability of the teachers engaged in the literary department. Their devotion to duty far exceeds any prescribed, or even implied obligation, and with their continued services, there can be no doubt of the happiest effects upon the minds and habits of those committed to their instruction.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.—Through the exertions of the able and indefatigable teacher of music, the deficiency, occasioned during the past two years by the departure of several proficient in the orchestral department, has been in a great measure supplied—and although the orchestra is now composed chiefly of little boys, it is capable, with the use of good instruments, of performing many pieces in a satisfactory manner. The vocal department is rapidly gaining strength and efficiency; and as much is accomplished in it, as can be hoped for with equal materials, in view of the diversified labors of the teacher, and the number to whom he is enabled to give no other instruction than that which may be adapted to classes.

WORK DEPARTMENT.—The progress in this department, if measured by the production, has been very considerable during the past year. It continues on the male side under the care of Mr. Meyer, and on the female under that of Mrs. Sharpless, assisted by Miss Rachel Leard, one of the resident pupils recently appointed to the office. To both the former the remark is due that their exertions are constant and faithful, having equal care of the instruction of the pupils and the interests of the Institution. Annexed is a statement of the business of the work department during the past year.

DR.	
Raw material on hand January 1st, 1847,	\$ 611 23
Do. bought during the year 1847,	2263 49
Manufactured goods on hand Jan. 1, 1847,	2316 23
Amount paid pupils for over work,	1096 28
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	\$6287 23
Paid for instruction in work department,	875 00
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	\$7162 23

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Amount of store sales in 1847,	\$3285 70
Value of manufact'd goods on hand Jan. 1, 1848,	2139 71
“ “ Raw material on hand, “ “	575 00
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	\$6000 41
Valid claims on sundry persons for goods sold on credit,	1051 25
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	\$7051 66
Balance of debit in work department, \$110 57	

LIST OF ARTICLES MANUFACTURED IN 1847.

Brushes.	20,219 Handscrubs,	}	\$3236 11
“	72 Ley Brushes,		
“	137 Horse do.		
“	2209 Shoe do.		
“	2 Type founders do.		
“	21 Sweeping do.		
“	38 Dusters do.		
“	173 Cloth do.		
“	722 Hair do.	}	
“	3 Bedstead do.		
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	23,796		
Carpet weaving, 450 yards,	90 00		
Door mats, 59	34 48		
Baskets, of willow, 138,	67 96		
Boots and shoes, 2 pair new, \$4 00 }	6 62		
10 “ repaired, 2 62 }			
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	\$3435 17		

GIRLS' WORK.

Knitting 221 articles,	\$157 80		
Sewing 246 do.	26 46		
Bead baskets, 1179	287 55		
300 articles of beads or in part,	105 69	—	577 50
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			\$4012 67

As the matter of the overwork has been submitted to the Board in another report, it seems unnecessary to comment upon it in this place.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.—Under the affectionate and sedulous supervision of Mrs. White, the pupils enjoy every proper care of their personal wants compatible with the means of the Institution and the accommodations of the building. Their number has doubled since Mrs. White became the Matron, and the consequent increase of her labor and responsibility may be a subject for the generous consideration of the Board.

During the last two months some alterations have been effected in the building, by which the sleeping apartments are enlarged and increased. Room is still, however, much needed, as eight of the young boys now sleep in the building designed for an infirmary. By means however, of the alterations already made, a classification of the pupils of the dormitories has been effected, promotive of their health, comfort, and proper deportment.

The miscellaneous business of the Institution, connected with the work department particularly, continues to be attended to by Mr. Snider, with assiduity and with earnest regard for its interests. The officers and pupils generally, are constantly indebted to him for services, better appreciated than defined, but indispensable in the multifarious concerns of a household, numbering upwards of a hundred persons.

The Institution is now visited regularly on Wednesday afternoons by a large number of citizens and strangers. From the observation which I have been enabled to make of the effect of the weekly exhibitions both upon the pupils and the public, I cannot too strongly commend them to the encouragement of the Board. They are occasions to stimulate the exertions and excite the hopes of the former, while to the latter, they are evidences of the success which attends the instruction of the Blind in almost every intellectual pursuit, which is the subject of education for the clear sighted. It is not presuming too much upon experience to say, that among the audiences present at the weekly exhibitions, may occasionally be some one, who has for the first time his interest awakened in the Institution, and who with talent, or influence, or wealth to serve it, may prove a benefactor worthy to be classed with its noblest founders. That such friends will be needed, the increasing demands upon the Institution render apparent. Providence has so far signally smiled upon its rise and progress; and still fostered by the religious and charitable spirit of the community, its future career cannot fail to realize the best wishes of its present supporters and friends.

J. R. FRY.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF PUPILS

IN THE INSTITUTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1848.

From Pennsylvania.

Adair, David,	Pittsburg.
Baker, William,	Wyoming county.
Besant, Peter,	Philadelphia county.
Boyd, Edward,	Do.
Brennan, James,	Pottsville.
Brooks, Henry,	Dauphin county.
Brown, J. C.	Philadelphia city.
Brownlee, Augustus,	Philadelphia county.
Carolin, Thomas,	Do.
Clayborn, John B.	Franklin county.
Dubbs, Cyrus,	Lebanon county.
Fortescue, Walter S.	Philadelphia city.
Frey, Henry,	Chester county.
Gamble, Wm. G.	Philadelphia county.
Ireland, David,	Do.
Ireland, W. J.	Do.
Karrigan, Ambrose,	Pottsville.
Lewis, William,	Bradford county.
Loughery, David,	Westmoreland county.
Mack, Edward,	Philadelphia county.
Maxwell, Andrew,	Philadelphia city.
McCabe, M.	Philadelphia county.
McCloskey, James,	Mauch Chunk.
McElrevey, Richard,	Pittsburg.
McMillan, William,	Juniata county.
McMillan, Alexander,	Do.

Minich, Joseph W.	Lehigh county.
Morton, Sylvester,	Norristown.
Paist, S. H.	Bucks county.
Peebles, J. J.	Bedford county.
Romig, John J.	Lehigh county.
Smith, William J.	Montgomery county.
Stahlnecker, William H.	Lehigh county.
Steiner, John L.	Columbia county.
Sweeny, Patrick,	Philadelphia county.
Wendell, John F.	Luzerne county.
Wheaton, Robert,	Philadelphia county.
Wood, David,	Allegheny county.
Butz, Frances,	Philadelphia county.
Cormany, Maria,	Lebanon county.
Erskine, Emma L.	Philadelphia city.
Fithian, Phœbe E.	Do.
Foote, Maria,	Do.
Frisard, Fleurine,	Do.
Henderson, Nancy,	Indiana county.
McCulloch, Isabella,	Philadelphia city.
McGlaughlin, Sarah,	Carlisle.
Minich, Sarah A.	Northampton county.
Pfahler, Catherine,	Juniata county.
Raney, Rebecca,	Philadelphia city.
Souder, Caroline,	Perry county.
Starret, Mary Ann,	Philadelphia county.
Twining, Louisa K.	Montgomery county.

From Maryland.

Colburn, H. H.	Duley, Sarah A.
Harris, Edward W.	Hoke, Fanny,
Magruder, James E. S.	Lynch, Sarah,
Newcomer, Alexander,	Wilson, Elizabeth A.

From New Jersey.

Cook, John E.	Cruser, Catherine,
Cruser, Matilda,	Hildreth, Hannah,
Cruser, Sarah,	Lawrence, Rachel L.

From China.

Fanny Gutzlaff.

Resident Pupils.

Pyle, Samuel,	Gill, Maria,
Dandy, Sarah Ann,	Jones, Maria,
Donnelly, Mary,	Leard, Rachel,
Fennimore, Elizabeth A.]	Lynch, Sarah,
Fithian, Anne,	Mallett, Mary Ann,
Gillem, Hannah,	Roberts, Mary V.
Hankins, Matilda,	Westby, Emma,

<i>Recapitulation.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	
From Pennsylvania,	38	15	53
“ Maryland, -	4	4	8
“ New Jersey, - -	1	5	6
“ China, - -	-	1	1
Residents, - -	1	13	14
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	44	38	82
Whole number of pupils in the Institution, Jan. 1, 1847,			73
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Nett increase during the past year,	-	-	9